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**HOUSE BILL NO. 62**

Offered January 14, 2026

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 3-91 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of Assembly of 1958, which provided a charter for the Town of Tazewell in Tazewell County, relating to town manager.*

Patron—Morefield

Committee Referral Pending

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 3-91 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of Assembly of 1958 is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 3-91. A Town Manager who shall be the administrative and executive head of the municipal government. ~~He~~ *The Town Manager* shall be chosen by the council without regard to political beliefs and solely upon the basis of ~~his~~ *such person's* executive and administrative qualifications. At the time of ~~his~~ *such official's* appointment ~~he~~ *the Town Manager* need not be a resident of the town or the Commonwealth but during ~~his~~ *such official's* tenure of office ~~shall reside within the town~~ *is encouraged to reside within the town limits and may reside within a reasonable distance outside the town limits upon a majority approval of the appointing council.* ~~He~~ *The Town Manager* shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by the council by ordinance or resolution. ~~He~~ *and* may be bonded as the council may deem necessary. During the absence or disability of the ~~town manager~~ *Town Manager* or in case of a vacancy, the council may designate some properly qualified person to perform the duties of the office during such absence, disability, or vacancy. No ~~councilman~~ *member of council* shall receive such appointment during the term for which ~~he~~ *he shall have been the member* is elected, nor within one year after the expiration of ~~his~~ *such* term. Neither the council nor any of the members shall direct or request the appointment, as hereinafter provided, of any person to office by the ~~town manager~~ *Town Manager* or by any of ~~his~~ *the Town Manager's* subordinates. Except for the purpose of inquiry, the council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the ~~town manager~~ *Town Manager* and neither the council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the ~~town manager~~ *Town Manager*, either publicly or privately. The ~~town manager~~ *Town Manager* shall have the authority and ~~it shall be his~~ *his* duty:

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